

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. In the office action dated January 12, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4 and 10. Claims 3, 5-9 and 11-15 were objected to as containing allowable subject matter but depending from rejected claims.

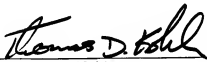
In this amendment claims 1, 5 and 11 have been amended, placing the claims in order for allowance. Claims 3 and 10 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 3. Claim 11 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 10.

It is noted that while claim 3 was originally dependent upon claim 2, the subject matter of claim 2 is not necessary for the patentability of the combined claims 1 and 3. Therefore claim 2 has been maintained as a separate dependent claim. Claims 2 and 5 are amended for reasons related to form only.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application as a whole is in form for allowance. Should the Examiner have any continuing objections, the Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 415-442-1106 in order to expedite allowance of the case. Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060944-0173).

Respectfully submitted,

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